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Following are some particulars of VEB Plasta Kunstharz- und Pressmassefabrik Erkner for the month of April 1955:

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1. Receipt of Raw Materials

<u>Material</u>	<u>Approximate Quantity</u>	<u>Origin</u>
Formalin	40 tank cars	Leuna
Hydrochloric acid	8000 kg.	Berlin-Adlershof
Sodium hydrate	500 kg.	Berlin-Adlershof
Ammonia	500 kg.	Leuna
Cresol	1000 tons	Leuna
Urea	300 tons	Leuna
Xylenol	150 tons	Leuna
Xylenol	50 tons	Erkner

2. Production Deliveries

<u>Product</u>	<u>Approximate Quantity</u>	<u>Destination</u>
Phenol and cresol resins	800 tons	Espenhain and Berlin
Phenol and cresol stamping compounds	2000 tons	Espenhain and Berlin
" " "	800 tons	Koepfelsdorf
" " "	70 tons	Leipzig
" " "	30 tons	Halle
" " "	100 tons	Chemnitz
" " "	1000 tons	Wittenberg
Urea stamping compound	1000 tons	Berlin area

3. Research and Development

- a. Laboratories are concerned, for the most part, with supervising current production. Experiments are being carried out to determine the amount

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of formic acid in formalin, the amount meta-cresol in cresol mixture, the presence of pyridine in cresol, the amount of free cresol in resin, etc.

- b. In addition to the above, pressing compounds are being tested for tensile strength, rigidity, impact resistance, and toughness.
- c. The old idea of continuous condensation has been the central thesis of several experiments. Results have not been satisfactory.

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